29. Need for a Jenmi Member in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Akkiraman Maheswaran Bhattathiri (Member, Jenmi, Quilon Division) said that most of the Jenmis of the State were Malayala Brahmins, a community that was admittedly backward in education, especially English education. The Report and the Draft Bill submitted by the Members of the Jenmi Kudiyan Committee were pending before the Government. It was essential that, at the time the Bill was taken for consideration in the Council, there should be one Jenmi Member in the Council to represent the interests of the Jenmis. The Member, therefore, prayed that a Jenmi might be appointed to the Council, or that, if that was not feasible, at least a duly qualified person nominated by the Jenmis might be appointed as a Member.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

30. Need for an Eazhava Member in the Legislative Council.

Mr. K. Padmanabha Channar (Member, Nominated) said that the Ezhava community numbered more than 5 lakhs, that a Bill relating to the community would be soon coming before the Legislative Council and that there were many persons in the community qualified to become members of the Council. He, therefore, prayed that an Ezhava Member might be appointed to the Legislative Council.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

31. Some criticisms on the Report of the Jenmi Kudiyan Committee and the annexed Draft Bill.

Dewan.—Before the Member proceeds to his subject, I would just mention that the Report of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Committee and the Draft Bill have been translated into Malayalam and published in the Gazette. The Government have just passed orders—and the same will appear in the next Gazette—to the effect that the period of six months allowed for submitting the views of the public on the recommendations of the Committee will count from the date of publication of the Malayalam translation of the Report and the Bill in the Gazette. The Report is a long one and any suggestions on the Report or the Bill, if made to the Government, will be duly considered before the Bill is taken up in the Legislative Council. It may not be practicable to discuss all the suggestions in the Assembly.

Mr. Trivikraman Vasudevar (Member, Jenmi, Padmanabhapuram Division) said that he was not going to speak at length on the merits of the several recommendations in the Report and that he only wished to represent certain grievances of his community in regard to the doings of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Committee. When it was decided to appoint such a Committee, his community had certain misgivings and fears and he regretted to have to say that those misgivings and fears were now fully justified by the Report of the Committee. He had not to say anything against the constitution of the Committee, though he was not prepared to hold that it was the best that could be thought of. It was regrettable that such a serious evil should have befallen the community at the hands of a Committee presided over by a District Judge. If a Judge of the High Court or any one else who did not own any landed properties in the State had been appointed as the President, such a one-sided Report would not have issued as the result of the labours of the Committee. The Draft Bill was worded with avowed sympathy, nay, even deliberate partiality, for the *Kudiyans*, and the interests of the Jenmis were ignored. The Member did not understand the object of narrating in detail, on the alleged authority of certain records, that the Namburi community had a low origin (*Vide* pages 22-74 of the translation of the Report). The relevancy of that portion of the Report to the points directly referred to the Committee by the Government was not apparent. Scrupulous care had been taken to search for and collect all records which could in any way go against the community and they were given a place in the Report, though they had no connection with the points at issue. The Report had cast a lasting slur on the community generally, which could not be easily wiped off. The result was that the uncalled-for remarks made in the Report lowered the community in the estimation of others.

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